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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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## REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION DATED NOVEMBER 19, 2003

Dear Sir:

Favorable reconsideration of the above-identified patent application is respectfully requested in view of the comments below.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge \$950.00 for a three-month extension of time to Deposit Account No. 50-1063 [MSFTP158US].